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Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson,
New York City.

Dear Madam:—

I have spent some moments of deep satisfaction before the banner on your house, and I am prompted to take the liberty of asking you to give me, if you will, an explanation of some of its outstanding features.

I suppose an Englishman, away from his home (as I am) always feels a little thrill on seeing his country's flag; but when I saw my flag side by side with the Stars and Stripes, and with those clasped hands below, I was conscious of an exultation not easy to describe.

I know the story of Joseph's sons and the ideal of their ultimate unity; I would greatly appreciate your application here.

Then the "unfinished pyramid" and the "all-seeing eye" are, as I understand, the reverse of the Seal of America. Why was this Seal never cut, when its symbol and superscription speak such spiritual sentiment?

And then I am told, that this banner has been on your house-front for some years. When I recall the troublous times through which we have been passing, I ask myself, what mysterious protection has guarded it?

And so I am prompted to write to you. If you knew my real satisfaction, you would pardon the liberty I take in asking you to explain this noble conception to me.

Sincerely yours,

F. E. SCARLETT.

June 20, 1921.

Dear Mr. Scarlett:—

Your letter of inquiry, regarding the shield, or banner, which is on the facade of my house, seems to me the voice of the multitude, who, for nearly three years, have paused as they passed by, and read the words, "One God, One Law, Divine Democracy, Universal Brotherhood." Your request affords me an opportunity to give an interpretation of these words, which are painted upon the banner in glowing letters, that "he who runs may read." Therefore

I am constrained to publish in the press, your letter and my reply. I believe I am moved to do this in obedience to the law of spiritual unfoldment and my responsibility to God for proclaiming His law, according to the teachings of Christ Jesus and Mary Baker Eddy, Christ said, at his first appearing:

"I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth. . . . and he will show you things to come." (John xvi, 12, 13.)

Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, and author of its textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, searched the pages of the Holy Bible and learned the secret of Christ Jesus' method of demonstrating the dominion with which God equipped man, whom He made in His own "image" and "likeness." (Genesis, i, 26.) In *Science and Health*, she says:

"The thunder of Sinai and the Sermon on the Mount are pursuing and will overtake the ages, rebuking in their course all error and proclaiming the kingdom of heaven on earth. Truth is revealed. It needs only to be practiced." (p. 174.)

Through discernment of the spiritual opposite of materiality, even the way through Christ, Truth, man will regain with the key of divine Science the gates of Paradise which human beliefs have closed, and will find himself unfallen, upright, pure, and free. . . .

Mind's control over the universe, including man, is no longer an open question, but is demonstrable Science. Jesus illustrated the divine Principle and the power of immortal Mind by healing sickness and destroying the foundations of death. (p. 171.)

Spiritual causation is the one question to be considered, for more than all others spiritual causation relates to human progress. The age seems ready to approach this subject, to ponder somewhat the supremacy of Spirit, and at least to touch the hem of Truth's garment. (p. 170.)

In obedience to the law of God, who "leadeth Joseph like a Shepherd," let America and Great Britain unite, and the problem of scientific being will gradually be understood, taught, and demonstrated, and man will find his oneness with his creator, who "duly feeds and clothes every object, as it appears in the line of spiritual creation, thus tenderly expressing the fatherhood and motherhood of God." (*Science and Health*, p. 507.)

You note the protection of this shield. As you see, it is placed between the windows of the first story; and the house, being so near the sidewalk, it would seem an easy task for the lawless to treat it as they did the English flag on the Union Club of New York, last winter. The banner has been attacked, and I have twice had it removed for repairs, which were so slight, that a little patching of the English flag was all that was necessary. I have always regarded this protection as a verification of God's assurance to those who put their trust in Him and strive to dwell "in the secret place of the most High," and who believe His promise, as found in the Ninety-first Psalm, which reads:

"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noon-day."

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked."

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation, There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and the adder; the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because he hath known My name.

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

I was irresistibly moved by spiritual impulse, when I conceived this shield, and as it unfolded its significance to me, I was convinced that it was a divine concept, which must be embodied, and that God would speak to the people through this shield, or banner—that the operation of God's law was as manifest in this escutcheon, as in the "handwriting on the wall," which only Daniel could interpret for Belshazzar. I stoutly resisted the suggestion of the criticism which this banner would call forth, from those who do not understand that God speaks to-day, as aforetime, through hieroglyphics and symbolism, and I strengthened my faith and understanding with the fourth verse of the Sixtieth Psalm:

"Thou hast given a banner to them that fear Thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth."

Mrs. Eddy states, in *Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures*: "The time for thinkers has come. Truth, independent of doctrines and time-honored systems, knocks at the portal of humanity. . . . Though empire fall, 'The Lord shall reign forever.' (p. vii.)

As this conception developed, I called upon Omnipotent Omnipresence, God and His Christ, to protect me from the lawless and the opposers of the flag of Great Britain, our mother country, and placed the shield on the facade of my house, under the shadow of the Almighty. I have prayed that its silent language would enlighten all who are ready to advance from darkness to light—from a material, to a spiritual interpretation of God, man, and the universe. In fulfillment of the law of God, the unity of Great Britain and America must be effected.

As the people pass, pause and gaze upon the words of the shield, their expressions have revealed to me the good and evil elements which the human face mirrors. Some read every word from the top to the last line on the shield and seem to desire to grasp its import. Others glance quickly at the flags and noting that England and America are clasping hands, as brothers Ephraim and Manasseh, the two sons of Joseph, they show their approval or disapproval, by a smile, or a frown, or an expression of hatred, which reveals the satanic characters, who would, if it were not impossible, destroy both nations and set up a kingdom of lawlessness and destruction.

Every Bible student knows the history of Joseph. His father, Jacob, had been blessed of God, and re-named Israel; "and God said unto him, . . . Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee. . . . And . . . to thee . . . and to thy seed after thee will I give the land." (Genesis xxxv, 11, 12.) Jacob had twelve sons (typical of the twelve tribes of Israel) and of them all, he

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thy whole body (politic)

"I am the Lord your GOD which have



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TRANSLATION

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THE COMING MAN, IN WHOM THE IRON AGE ENDS AND THE GOLDEN AGE ARISES IN THE WHOLE EARTH



MANASSEH

BROTHERS

EPHRAIM

JONATHAN AND JOHN

"I believe strictly in the Monroe doctrine, in our Constitution, and in the laws of God." MARY BAKER EDDY

Hail brother! fling thy banner
To the billows and the breeze;
We proffer thee warm welcome
With our hand, though not our knees.

Brave Britain, blest America!
Unite your battle plan;
Victorious all who live it,—
The love for GOD and man.

ONE GOD ONE LAW
DIVINE DEMOCRACY UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD

Shield displayed on the facade of the home of Augusta E. Stetson, C. S. D., at the top of which is the
REVERSE OF THE SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HISTORY OF THE REVERSE OF OUR SEAL.

(Compiled from an official brochure, entitled "The History of the Seal of the United States," published by the Department of State, at Washington, in 1909.)

The original act, creating the Seal of the United States, was passed in 1782, and authorized both the obverse and the reverse, but the die for the reverse of our Seal has never been cut, and the design is rarely shown in dictionaries, or other reference works. The wording of the act, regarding the reverse, is as follows:

REVERSE—A pyramid unfinished. In the zenith, an eye in a triangle, surrounded with a glory proper. Over the eye these words, "Annuit Cœptis." On the base of the pyramid the numerical letters MDCCLXXVI. And underneath the following motto, "Novus Ordo Seclorum." —JOURNALS OF CONGRESS, vol. 4 [ed. 1823], p. 39.

In 1841 an act was passed to bring forth the reverse of the Seal, and in 1884 the sum of \$1,000 was appropriated, part of which was to be devoted to this purpose (23 Stat., 394), but those to whom the work was entrusted failed to carry out the provisions of the law, and seem not to have had the slightest glimmer of understanding as to its meaning, declaring that "it can hardly look otherwise than as a dull emblem of a masonic fraternity," and suggesting that "if it can be kept in the dark as long as it seems to have been kept, why not keep it so?" But I affirm that God, who is Light, and in whom is no darkness at all, is revealing the reverse of the Seal of the United States.

The aggressive resistance to the reverse of our Seal is described in the official brochure, which states:

Its fate has been singular. It was prescribed as part of the seal by the act of 1782, but went unnoticed. The act of September 15, 1789, continued the seal as prescribed in 1782, but no effort was then made to design or cut the reverse. When the seal of 1841 was made it was still ignored, and in 1882 it was definitely determined, after designs had been drawn, to abandon it. The act of July 7, 1884, made appropriation "to obtain dies of the obverse and reverse" of the seal, the act following the State Department's request, and it had undoubtedly been the intention of the Department, when the appropriation was asked for, to cut the reverse; but its purpose was changed after fuller consideration, and it felt at liberty to leave this part of the new law unexecuted. . . . It may be added that when the exhibit of the State Department was prepared for the Chicago Exposition in 1892, large emblems of the obverse and reverse of the seal were painted, but . . . the reverse . . . was never hung.

The meaning of the symbols and mottoes on the reverse of our Seal is given in the explanation of the shield, which follows.

EXPLANATION OF THE SHIELD.

The first inscription reads:

"The light of the body is the eye; if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body (politic) shall be full of light."

—CHRIST JESUS.

The single eye signifies a steadfast purpose to reflect only God, good, light, truth and love; and this course brings to the individual, or nation, light, or divine illumination, wisdom, and intelligence from on high; whereas the dual eye, or mortal vision, sees and knows good and evil, life and death, truth and error, love and fear, and loses its grasp upon God as All and omnipotent.

The second quotation is:

"I am the Lord your God which have separated you from other people."

—LEVITICUS, xx, 24.

In the Biblical allegory of the twelve sons of Jacob, typifying the twelve tribes of Israel, Joseph, representing the Anglo-Saxon race, was "separated from his brethren," in obedience to God's decree. As the first-born child of Joseph, or branch of the Anglo-Saxon race, Manasseh, or America, is first to fulfill this divine destiny, in being "separated" from other people, as embodied in the national motto, "E Pluribus Unum"—out of many, one.

especially loved Joseph, because of Joseph's noble characteristics. Their father's preference for Joseph excited the envy of his brethren, who put him in a pit to perish, then, changing their minds, sold him into captivity, to the Ishmaelites. After dipping his "coat of many colors" in the blood of a kid, the brethren showed it to their father, Jacob, as proof that Joseph had been slain by wild beasts. The Ishmaelites proceeded, with their caravan, to Egypt, where they sold Joseph to a captain in the army of Pharaoh. Recognizing Joseph's superior character, Pharaoh gave him command over all the land. Later, by his wife Asenath, Joseph had two children, Manasseh and Ephraim, Manasseh being the first-born.

After many years, Joseph brought his father, Jacob, and his brethren to him in Egypt, and protected them from the famine which he, Joseph, had prophesied; and when he brought Manasseh and Ephraim, his two children, to Jacob to be blessed, Jacob adopted them as his own and prophesied that they

should be great nations. Thus the favored tribe of Joseph was divided into two branches, typified by Manasseh and Ephraim (America and Great Britain); and even as Joseph had been separated from his brethren, so was the Anglo-Saxon nation "separated" and distinct from the other nations. Manasseh, being the first-born branch, is the first to demonstrate its God-ordained separateness.

At the time of Jacob's passing on, he called together his twelve sons, and described the destiny of each. Joseph had the richest blessing of all, for Jacob declared:

Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall:

The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him:

But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob: (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel.) [Christ]

Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Al-

if therefore thine eye be single
shall be full of light.

CHRIST JESUS

separated you from other people."

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who had given it any thought, and very few seemed to consider the cutting of the reverse of the Seal to be important, at the present moment.

I believe—and I am entitled to my conviction—that this is the psychological moment, when Americans must awake to the demands of God and defend our country from the mental, soporific influence of the evil mind, which opposes God and His Christ, and would null both America and Great Britain into apathy. This would prevent them, as brethren and sons of Joseph, from clasping hands in unity and brotherly love, over continent and ocean. With the united wisdom, strength, and power of divine love, with which the God of Love fortifies all who obey His law, the representatives of these two nations, who are chosen by the people, should rise to their countries' needs, and peace and the power of spiritual "dominion," would be the portion of all nations. This will finally be demanded.

For years, human autocracy has insidiously paraded in America as democracy, until the righteous cry out for the God of the universe to save our country and enable Americans, by example, to teach the nations the way to universal brotherhood, which will restore universal peace and prosperity. The father of our country, George Washington, lives! The great emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, lives! The voices of these God-inspired men have rung down the years, and to-day, Washington is calling, in clarion tones:

Let us raise a standard, to which the wise and honest can repair; the event is in the hands of God. (Constitutional Address.)

And Abraham Lincoln has not ceased to proclaim:

This nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom. . . . government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth. (Gettysburg Address.)

The hour has arrived for emancipation from mental slavery, or the tyranny of the so-called carnal mind, with its destructive qualities of greed, avarice, lust, fear, envy, personal aggrandizement, or pride of place and power, hatred, and revenge. The time is at hand for the deliverance of America from ignorance of the cause of the present chaos and insecurity, which threatens to paralyze our country. God is declaring, through His Christ:

I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him. (Ezekiel, xxi, 27.)

The motto of the United States of America is composed of these words: "In God We Trust." In what do Americans put their trust? Let each realize his responsibility for his loyalty to God, to his country, to the Constitution, and to the courage of his own convictions.

"God give us men! A time like this demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands; Men who possess opinions and a will;

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog; For while the rabble, with their thumb worn creeds, Their large professions and their little deeds, Mingles in selfish strife—lo! Freedom weeps.

Wrong rules the land and waiting Justice sleeps!" (J. G. Holland.)

Is not this the God-appointed hour for true Americans to demand that the reverse of our Seal be cut, understood and obeyed? "One with God is a majority." Men who trust in God compose a majority, for God's law finally compels obedience. Those whom the people have entrusted with the weal of our nation, are called to awake to their responsibility as Americans, or abandon their claim to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," and allow themselves to be classified as opponents of the laws of our nation.

A national anthem, the words of which are by Alice Morgan Harrison, is most expressive of the sentiments of this nation:

America, America, thou gavest birth To light that lighteth all the earth. God keep it pure! We love that onward leading light; We will defend it with our might; It shall endure!

At the present moment, America is passing through a condition of chaos and horror, fear, doubt, and uncertainty, according to the press reports. Is this the mental condition of men who put their trust in God, obey His law, follow the teachings of Christ Jesus, and subscribe to our nation's Seal?

America, America, our love of thee Is freedom's love of liberty, Which holds high happiness in store, When Right shall reign from shore to shore, From East to West.

Genuine Americans are no longer in the valley of indecision. They have caught the inspiration of the oncoming Christ, and are standing on the mount of spiritual vision. They clearly discern the heights of brotherly love and prosperity to which America and Great Britain will ascend, when they unite in fulfilling this law of God:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. (Matthew xxii, 37, 39.)

In consummation of Biblical prophecy, Manasseh and Ephraim are destined to yield obedience to the demands of God. Yielding, they will break the mental fetters, which have bound them to a merciless despot, the so-called carnal mind, an element which has no right to our inheritance, and which rich inheritance they only can claim.

who obey the laws of God. United in this purpose, they will ultimately bring all nations into unity, peace, and prosperity, the inheritance of the nations which are guided by righteousness.

America, America, thy near-graved seal Foretells the perfect Commonwealth of God-made men; Its eagle with unwearied wings Is symbol of the thought-seen things Of prophets' ken.

In *Miscellany*, page 282, Mrs. Eddy states: "I believe strictly in the Monroe Doctrine, in our Constitution, and in the laws of God." Every true American responds with all his heart to this declaration. A mighty struggle seems inevitable and necessary to redeem our country from the influence of the lawless. As humanity ceases to resist God's eternal law of Truth, omnipotent Life and Love, our Father-Mother God precipitates the re-birth of our nation.

America, America, on-praising van Of all the hopes of waking man, We love thy flag!— Thy stately flag of steadfast stars, And white, close held to heart-red bars.

Which none shall drag! Again I ask, has not the hour arrived when the reverse of the Seal of the United States should be cut, understood, and obeyed? I am convinced that God is repeating the same imperative command which He has uttered through His prophets, Jesus the Christ, and His disciples, and in this age, through His mouthpiece, Abraham Lincoln, and which command it were impious to disregard:

THIS NATION, UNDER GOD, SHALL HAVE A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM.

To-day, those who are chosen by the people to make, protect, and enforce our laws, are called upon to assume this grave responsibility.—the defense and prosperity of our beloved country. God's irrevocable demands will be met. This sacred charge is in the hands of those who have assumed, and will be held accountable for the safety and welfare of our nation. Let the twentieth century thinker, who keeps abreast with progress, ponder this vital question regarding Anglo-Saxon America.

America, America, in thee is found Manasseh's tribe, to Ephraim bound By Israel's vow. Where destiny is heaven-sealed; Far-spread vine in fruitful field. God's planting, thou!

America, America, faith-shadowed land, Truth dwells in thee, and Truth shall stand To guard thy gate. Thy planted seed of potent good Shall grow to world-wide brotherhood, Man's true estate.

America, America, the God of Love, Whose name is every name above, Thy defense. 'Tis thou must lead the longing world From phantom fears to Love's unfurled Omnipotence.

The reverse of the Seal of the United States, which appears on the shield, or banner, on the facade of my house reads:

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EARTH.

This prophecy is approaching fulfillment. Who will be among those to whom will be revealed the "golden age," an age of spiritual power, which will bring peace, and the affluence of God's universe? Where are they who will be satisfied to continue to remain in the "iron age," under the despotic yoke of human autocracy, or bondage to unrighteousness? The Psalmist saith:

Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty (mortal) man? Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness.

God shall likewise destroy thee for ever. He shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living.

Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness. (Psalm iii, 1, 2, 5, 7.)

Let the true American arise and declare:

I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. . . . The heathen rage, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations He hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen. I will be exalted in the earth. (Psalm lvi, 8, 9; xlvii, 1, 2, 6, 7-10.)

I have Biblical authority for the courage which moves me to give this letter to the public. Here my responsibility ends. The Scriptures declare:

When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, . . . he shall die; because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin. . . . but his blood will I require at his hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall save his soul, and he is warned; also thou hast saved thy soul and his. (Ezekiel, iii, 20, 21.)

My protection from the opponent of Truth, is the invulnerable armor of divine Love. Mrs. Eddy declares, "Christ in the panoply of Love, human hate cannot reach you." (*Science and Health*, p. 571.)

I thank you, dear Mr. Scarlett, for your consent to the publication of your letter, which enables me to reply to the many, who have paused before my house and questioned the import of the shield, and the words and symbols painted upon it. In accordance with your request, I enclose an explanation of these symbols, together with a history of the reverse of our Seal, compiled from official sources. Sincerely yours,

AUGUSTA E. STETSON.